



March 22, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20502

Dear President Obama:

We greatly appreciate the establishment of the Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit through Section 1302 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA; amending Section 48C of the Internal Revenue Code). We strongly encourage expanding this important program in a jobs bill or another appropriate vehicle.

Through the Section 48C program, \$2.3 billion of Federal funds leveraged more than \$5.4 billion of private investment that directly supported the creation of well-paying manufacturing jobs. The program generated significantly more interest than anticipated, including more than three viable applicants for every successful recipient. This means that there is a pipeline of innovative companies ready and willing to invest private capital to establish domestic manufacturing facilities and create more manufacturing jobs today—jobs in a sector of our economy that must grow if we are to emerge a leader in the industries of the future.

We believe that the transition towards a clean energy economy represents an incredible opportunity to accelerate our economic recovery by revitalizing domestic manufacturing and creating hundreds of thousands of well-paying jobs across the nation. In our states, we have seen the rapid growth of alternative energy companies, energy efficiency and green building innovations, advanced vehicle manufacturing, and other clean technology solutions; however, sustained growth is not inevitable. We must take swift action to ensure that innovation that starts in America spurs manufacturing in America.

For too long, America has lagged behind our global competitors for the development, production, and deployment of clean energy innovations. Today, only one of the ten leading

wind turbine manufacturers and one of the ten leading solar photovoltaic companies in the world are American. In Europe, bold renewable energy requirements and generation incentives, combined with significant subsidies for manufacturing, have given foreign firms a significant head start. China is also rapidly emerging as the global leader in the production and exportation of clean technology. Without additional investments to support production here at home, we risk trading our current dependence upon foreign oil for future dependence upon Chinese solar panels, Japanese electric vehicles and Scandinavian wind turbines.

Expanding the Section 48C Advanced Manufacturing Tax Credit will support new waves of domestic production and innovative new jobs and careers—as well as help re-establish American leadership in clean energy manufacturing. We strongly encourage additional funding for the program. We look forward to working with you to rebuild our economy, enhance our environment, and create well-paying jobs.

Sincerely,



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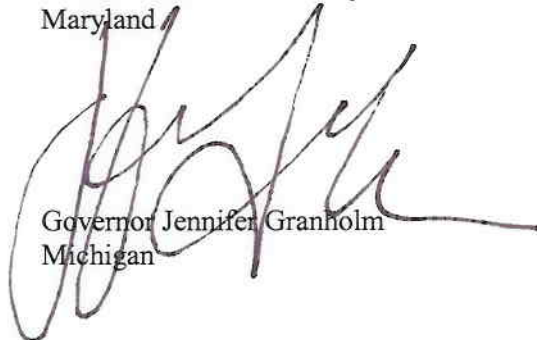
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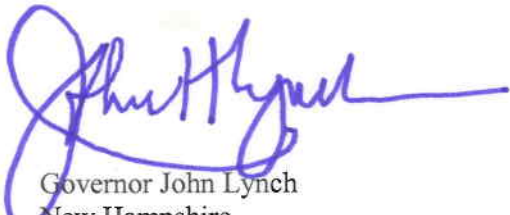


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